

26 George St

Manchester

Nov 8<sup>th</sup> 1836

Dear Sir

About 12 m<sup>os</sup> ago you were kind enough to present me with a copy of your little Poem entitled "Sword & Pen", & I have been unkind or rather ungrateful enough to omit acknowledging the same. I can offer nothing in extenuation of such neglect, for however much one may be occupied by the ordinary affairs of life, still time might be found for the performance of a duty; and though I know the circumstance has long since been forgotten by you, still a feeling of self shame - a consciousness of ingratitude has often come over me. Your kind & sympathizing heart I feel confident will forgive, and permits me (though a stranger) to regard you as an old & highly valued

friend, whose fatherly heart & humanizing  
spirit, I soon never fail to love & revere.

Will you once more oblige me by sending  
me a copy of your poetical works including  
'Vimini'. I will direct my Agents Messrs  
Bennet & Warburton, Clements Court, Wood St. to  
pay the amount either to yourself or your  
publishers as you may think proper.

Presuming that your home is brightened  
with some female society I have taken  
the freedom (which is perhaps not exactly  
due to a stranger) to send material for  
a silk garment which I shall feel honored  
by acceptance. I fancy you will smile  
to say it is a strange mode of testifying  
my admiration & esteem for your  
character, but the motives by which we  
are actuated ought I think always  
to be considered independent of the actions  
themselves. Believers are my dear friend in sincerity  
your warm admirer & faithful friend  
J. H. Kenton



P.S.

The Drop I shall ~~send off~~ <sup>enclose</sup> in a  
Parcel to Lond? to morrow, to ~~your~~ the  
address given in the letter Dec<sup>r</sup>. From  
you accompanying the little book before  
mentioned. Should you have had any  
removal since that time, you will  
perhaps have the goodness to send  
for the parcel to the office of Bennett  
& Warburton, if not it will reach you  
in course. —

lamb